



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Next Generation Learning Center
2840 Orchard Highway Suite B
Manistee, MI 49660

February 26, 2021

Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will use CRRSA funds to directly provide child care services to children that have/continue to attend Next Generation Learning Center. This includes past due balances for families that may have lost their position or are/were currently furloughed during the pandemic and cannot afford to pay their balance or continue care. These families were deemed essential during the pandemic.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- N/A

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will use CRRSA to help support the increase of operating expenses due to the pandemic by continuing to purchase food that follows a Tribally enriched curriculum (13 Moons) and farm to table. Fifty percent of our food



is purchased from the state of Michigan-and produce is rotated throughout the seasons and menus built upon items that are made from whole ingredients. These expenses have become larger as food is limited at times, or become a “specialty” item to purchase due to COVID-19.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Next Generation Learning Center only provides direct services to children that attend our early childhood building.

5. Other

- N/A

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Holly Karlsen

Next Generation Learning Center Administrator

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

cc: Gena L. Miller, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region V
Gena L. Miller, Program Specialist, Office of Child Care, Region V



Next Generation
LEARNING CENTER

Early Childhood Education Center
2840 Orchard Hwy.
Manistee, MI 49660
231.398.6718
www.nextgenerationlearning.org
